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"MARTIN INN"

Village of Chamberlain, Waukesha County, Wisconsin

Mrs. John Smith of Chamberlain (Owner)

Erected in 1841

No architect

Builder - Leonard Martin

The building is about ready for the wrecking crew. Plastering is down, partitions are sagging, windows are broken in and the building is a general derelict. It has been remodeled also. The front second story portion has been projected out to a distance of about six feet. This rather mars the exterior appearance.

The building is three stories high.

The foundation walls are of field stone; the entire construction otherwise, including the roof, is of wood; chimneys are of brick.

The building is beautifully carried out. The mouldings are good in profile and are all executed by hand. The main entrance way and the cornices are specially note-worthy. The windows, of which there are a great many, are well proportioned. The muntins being exceptionally thin.

The interior contains one of the finest pieces of craftsmanship that can be found anywhere in the state. This is a beautiful and graceful circular staircase which starts immediately at the main entrance on the first floor and winds up to the ball room on the third floor. It is

constructed entirely of black walnut and no doubt was executed right on the job.

The ball room is most interesting. The vaulted ceiling extends way up under the roof rafters. It is an unusually well proportioned room. The musician's platform and rail are also good in detail. The two chimneys, one at either end, permitted the placing of two stoves. This was the only method of heating this immense room. It is assumed that there was no heat whatsoever in the entire second story. The first story shows that stoves were used here also, at least for the end portions; what happened in the central part is unknown.

The above information was obtained from the present owner, Mrs. Smith.

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